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My Dear Oliver.

About this time I suppose you are returned from your vacation tour, and possibly you may be wondering what has become of your American friends!

Well, a few days ago, we left Sir J. & Lady Hooker, Grace & Joe, at ~~the~~ Avranches, and came back to London — a short but eminently enjoyable trip. We have seen every church in Normandy we could care —

have set apart the 15th — to — — — of September for it. My good wife is to write to yours about it, when she has finished her needful afternoon nap, & before we start on our afternoon journey. But I shall allow her to prolong her nap, & tell her when she wakes that I have done the needful thing for her, and that she has only to add her own to my affectionate regards to Mrs. Oliver and yourself, and say how glad she will be to see you all at Kew, after our toils of travel & sight-seeing, & country-visiting are over.

Always, sincerely Yours

Asa Gray

for, except that of Lisieux, which I suppose is not much, and also Chartres & Amiens, which we saw both going & returning, and we are glad to have had it both first and last. For — as we say in America, it is "hard to beat".

We are now going into the country for Sunday, to return here on Monday and this is our address for near a week.

One of the days of next week I may run down to Kew, — if you are at home. But I doubt if Mrs. Gray will be able, she has so much to do —

And, probably I cannot do it myself before Saturday week, as we have in the mean time to go to Mrs. Gray's nieces at Tunbridge Wells, & to make a pilgrimage to Canterbury.

Then we must go to Manchester.

We have never been unmindful of your kind invitation, and in the careful parcelling out of our fast-passing days,